

II. Amendments To The Claims

Applicants cancel claims 1–22, amend claim 23 and add new claims 24–37. A complete listing of all of the claims of the application appears below with the status of each claim identified, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

Claims 1–22. (canceled)

Claim 23. (currently amended) A two-component kit for coloring keratin fibers comprising a first preparation ~~according to claim 1~~ which contains dyes and/or dye precursors comprising: (A) at least one silicone oil and/or a silicone gum and (B) an amphoteric polymer and a second preparation ~~containing~~ comprising at least one oxidizing agent and at least one quaternary ammonium compound selected from the group consisting of an alkyl trimethyl ammonium chloride, a dialkyl dimethyl ammonium chloride, a trialkyl methyl ammonium chloride and combinations thereof.

Claim 24. (new) The kit of claim 23 wherein component (A) is a dialkyl polysiloxane or one of its derivatives.

Claim 25. (new) The kit of claim 23 wherein component (A) is a dimethyl polysiloxane or one of its derivatives.

Claim 26. (new) The kit of claim 23 wherein component (A) is an aminofunctional derivative of dialkyl polysiloxane.

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Claim 27. (new) The kit of claim 23 wherein component (A) is amodimethicone.

Claim 28. (new) The kit of claim 23 wherein component (B) is a dimethyl diallyl ammonium salt and acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid copolymer.

Claim 29. (new) The kit of claim 28 wherein component (B) is a dimethyldiallyl ammonium chloride/acrylic acid/acrylamide terpolymer.

Claim 30. (new) The kit of claim 23 wherein component (B) contains at least one monomer unit selected from esters or amides of acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid.

Claim 31. (new) The kit of claim 23 wherein the dye precursor contains at least one primary intermediate.

Claim 32. (new) The kit of claim 23 wherein the dye precursor contains at least one indole and/or indoline derivative.

Claim 33. (new) The kit of claim 23 further comprising at least one secondary intermediate.

Claim 34. (new) The kit of claim 23 further comprising at least one substantive dye.

Claim 35. (new) The kit of claim 23 wherein the quaternary ammonium compound is selected from the group consisting of cetyl trimethyl ammonium chloride, stearyl trimethyl ammonium chloride, behenyl trimethyl ammonium chloride, distearyl dimethyl ammonium chloride, lauryl dimethyl ammonium chloride, lauryl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride and tricetyl methyl ammonium chloride.

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Claim 36. (new) The kit of claim 36 wherein the quaternary ammonium compound is stearyl trimethyl ammonium chloride.

Claim 37. (new) A method for coloring keratin fibers comprising the steps of: (1) mixing the first and second preparations of claim 23; (2) contacting keratin fibers with the mixture formed in step 1; and, (3) after a contact time, rinsing the fibers thoroughly.